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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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**SUBMISSION OF CHINESE OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached Office Action (with partial English-language translation) dated September 15, 2006 from a corresponding Chinese patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Office Action (and its attached partial English-language translation) as it relates to the above-identified application.

The document listed in the Chinese Office Action was previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 16, 2004 and August 22, 2005 in the instant application. Accordingly, this document is not attached hereto.

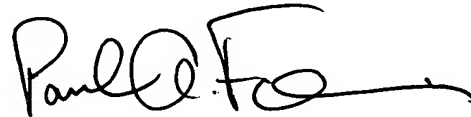
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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